The Indian Banks' Association has also formulated a "Model Code for collection of dues and repossession of security" which has been recommended to banks for adoption and implementation. As per the Model Code, banks commit to maintaing Dignity and Respect to customers in their Debt Collection Policy and not follow policies that are unduly coercive in collection of dues.

Increase in prices of essential commodities

†176. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the prices of consumer items of common use have risen in the last one year;

(b) the number of times the price of milk in Delhi has been increased and the amount thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the price rise; and

(d) whether Government propose to reduce the customs duty on products and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Sir, the Consumer Price Index (CPI-IW) which reflects the change in prices for the consumer items of common use, for the last twelve months is indicated in the Table below:

2006	Monthly inflation rate (%) (Point-to-point)
January	4.37
February	4.95
March	4.95
April	5.10
May	6.26
June	7.56
July	6.69
August	6.30
September	6.83
October	7.30
November	6.33
December	6.91

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The price of milk (Toned, Double Toned and Full Cream) in Delhi increased once by Re. 1 during 2005-06 and twice by Re. 1 each in 2006-07 (till date). The high price of milk powder in international market which resulted in higher exports of Skim Milk Power (SMP) was the major reasons for the increase in price of milk. However, since February 9, 2007 export of milk powder has been prohibited till September 30, 2007.

(c) and (d) Government has taken various measures to control inflation. These include reduction in prices of petrol and diesel, allowing import of wheat and pulses at zero duty rates, banning export of pulses, wheat and SMP, reduction in import duty on edible oils and several other commodities, ban on futures trading of some pulses and stringent regulatory measures for futures trading in various other commodities. Government is also monitoring the price situation on a regular basis.

Expenditure by Ministries

177. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the status of expenditure by the Ministries by the end of December, 2006; and

(b) the details of revenue and capital expenditures incurred by the Ministries during the financial year 2006-07, Ministry-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The status of net unaudited accounts figures of expenditure by the Ministries by end of December, 2006 are shown in the Statement enclosed at Statement-I.

(b) The details of net unaudited accounts figures for Ministry-wise Revenue and Capital expenditure during the financial year 2006-07 upto the close of December Accounts are enclosed in the Statement at Statement-II.